

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (amended) An eluter instrument for an SPE system, comprising:

(a) a housing;

(b) an upper seal mounted in said housing with apparatus for moving said upper seal in [for] up and down motion with respect [thereto] to said housing;

(c) a lower seal mounted in said housing with apparatus for moving said upper seal in [for] up and down motion with respect [thereto] to said housing;  
[and]

(d) an SPE medium disposed between said upper seal and said lower seal;  
and

[(d)] (e) said upper seal and said lower seal being moveable between a first position in which said upper seal and said lower seal are spaced apart and not in proximity and a second position in which said upper seal and said lower seal are in proximity and spaced apart sufficiently only to clamp therebetween a first area of a plurality of areas of an SPE medium, said first area containing therein one or more compounds of interest, such as to permit elution of said one or more compounds of interest sequentially from said plurality of areas to another, single instrument.

9. (amended) An eluter instrument for an SPE system, comprising:

(a) a housing;

(b) a plurality of upper seals mounted in said housing with apparatus for moving said seals in [for] up and down motion with respect [thereto] to said housing;

(c) a plurality of lower seals mounted in said housing with apparatus for moving said seals in [for] up and down motion with respect thereto;

(d) said upper seals and said lower seals being moveable between a first position in which said upper seals and said lower seals are spaced apart and not in proximity and a second position in which said upper seals and said lower seals are in proximity and spaced apart sufficiently only to clamp therebetween a plurality of areas of an SPE medium, said plurality of areas containing therein one or more compounds of interest, such as to permit elution, of said one or more compounds of interest to another instrument; and

(e) valving to selectively and sequentially select one of said plurality of areas from which to elute said one or more compounds of interest.